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Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Quinton's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating his achievement and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING KAREN WALANKA'S
OUTSTANDING CAREER AND
SERVICE WITH MORIAH CON-
GREGATION

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman on the occasion of her retirement. Karen Walanka is stepping down as the Executive Director of Moriah Congregation in Deerfield, a synagogue in the Illinois district I represent, and of which I am also a proud member.

Karen is completing this chapter of her life, leaving a legacy of accomplishments too long to mention in full, having touched the lives of countless people.

From her parents, Karen learned a deep love for her heritage and community, and she developed a great passion for "Tikkun Olam", for making her immediate world, and the entire world, a better place.

As the Executive Director of Moriah, Karen has been responsible for many achievements and had a tremendous impact in our community. In her first week in the position, she began the Shabbat Bulletin to better engage the community and keep the congregation informed. She later started the Moriah All-Judaic Art and Jewelry Fair that is a celebrated community event. And Karen created the widely anticipated weekly Moriah Shabbat lunch, or "kiddush."

But perhaps Karen's most lasting legacy will be the establishment of the Moriah Congregation Endowment Fund, which will ensure the long-term financial future of the congregation as well as support its continued expansion and deeper engagement with the community. This contribution will truly define her legacy for years to come, leaving the Moriah Community vibrant and strong.

Karen is a Moriah Congregation institution, a true leader and visionary, a dear friend and a beloved member of our community. Her constant presence and leadership will be missed, but her professional legacy will leave a permanent mark, and her friendships will continue to flourish. I want to personally thank Karen for everything she has done for me, my family and our community, and wish her the absolute best in her future.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, while I originally intended that the Hon. DONNA EDWARDS and the Hon. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON be added as cosponsors to my bill, H.R. 4412, the NASA Reauthorization Act of 2014, due to an error they were not added prior to the engrossment of the bill. This statement is intended to demonstrate their position as cosponsors of this measure.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Middletown Township, New Jersey as it celebrates its 350th Anniversary this year. It is my honor to join the residents in celebration of this significant milestone.

Middletown village is a National Register of Historic Places historic district. One of the oldest settlements in New Jersey, Middletown was established by English settlers from western Long Island and New England by the Monmouth Patent. It was settled on land acquired from local Native Americans and was one of three villages settled at the time, including Portland Point, which was unsuccessful, and Shrewsbury.

In 1693, Middletown was one of the three municipalities organized into Monmouth County. Still one of the largest townships in New Jersey, Middletown has seen its borders change several times over the years, including the 1848 formation of Raritan Township, the 1887 secession of Atlantic Highlands and the 1900 secession of Highlands. The local neighborhoods of Port Monmouth, East Keansburg, Belford, Leonardo, Locust, New Monmouth, Navesink, and Lincroft have their own history and create Middletown's unique identity and character.

In 1913 a high school built in the Leonardo section of Middletown was the first rural high school in the area. Also in 1913, Middletown's first library, the private Navesink Library, opened. The Middletown Public Library opened seven years later.

The First Town Book in Middletown, dated 1667, marks the first formal records of the township. The New Jersey State Legislature approved a special charter in 1971 establishing the township's current form of government. In its 350th year, Middletown Township is governed by Mayor Stephanie Murray, Deputy Mayor Kevin Settembrino, and Committee-men Anthony Fiore, Stephen Massell and Gerard Scharfenberger.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 350th Anniversary of Middletown Township and celebrating its rich history.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
PROVIDENCE BOYS GOLF TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Providence Academy Boys Golf Team for winning the 2014 Class AA High School State Championship earlier this month.

The state title was the first in Providence Academy's history. The Lions golfers all played well—finishing 10 strokes ahead of the second place team. All of the Lions played with enormous commitment and passion throughout the season, culminating with their performance at the State Tournament where they ran away with the competition.

Golf is a game that requires focus, skill, and mental toughness. Despite the pressure of jumping out to an early lead, the Providence team maintained their concentration and finished strong. Their performance is even more outstanding when you factor in how difficult it is for high school student-athletes to balance their dedication to their sport and their efforts in the classroom. These student-athletes should all be very proud.

Congratulations again to the Providence Boys Golf Team, Coach Seiffert, and all of the parents, teachers, and fans who have supported these athletes along the way.

TRIBUTE TO ELLIE BALL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ellie Ball for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that affected their life. More than 50,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2014.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and state officials chose Ellie's letter as a state winner. Ellie wrote a letter to author J.R.R. Tolkien explaining how his renowned work, *The Lord of the Rings*, affected her life. Ellie's letter to Tolkien earned her recognition in her community as well as here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Ellie's efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating her achievement and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.